Orders to be published and put in execution by the Viceadmirals of this Realme, set downe by the Lord Admirall, with the assent of the Lordes of her Maiesties priuie Counsell the 12. of March. 1585.

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WHereas the king of Spaine in May last, did command very suddenly arrest to be made of all the Shippes, Vessels, and Goodes of her Maiesties Subiects, then being in all the Portes of Spaine, without any token of suspition thereof conceiued by any her Maiesties Subiects aforehand, either in England, Spaine, or Portingal: And also to be put in prison all such Merchants, Factors, and Mariners, as they coulde apprehend being her Maiesties Subiectes, there onely trading the vse of merchandizes: And in July following, the same king did by his ministers take to his owne vse a great part of the saide Shippes and Goodes of her Maiesties Subiectes. The Queenes Maiestie, vpon the pitifull complaint of her Subiectes for these so great iniuries offered vnto them by the king of Spaine and his Ministers, with whom she conceiued for her owne part to be in peace, finding by other present ordinarie meane of withstanding or remedying so generall a wrong and losse to her Subiectes, specially when there was no accesse left for any safety to seeke remedie in Spaine by petition in way of Justice, did thereafter good deliberation of Counsell, graunt vnto all such Merchants, or any others which had their Shippes or Goodes so spoyled or detayned, vpon their earnest and importunate requestes, ordinarie letters of Reprisall in lawfull forme and manner for the recouering of their losses (which was inseperable) or els some part thereof. Whereupon an order was decreed and decreed by the Lordes of her Maiesties priuie Counsel, to be executed with diuers good prouisions, cautions and bandes, to auoide all other inconueniences, and so deliuered the same order vnto the Lord Admirall, wherein was conteyned amongst other things, That such as should make good and due proofe in the Court of the Admiraltie of their losses, and imprisonment of their seruants, by occasion of the said arrest, should haue warrant to passe vnto the Seas in warlike manner for no other purpose, but onely for the seasing either of their owne, or of any other Shippes of Spaine, for or towardes the recouerie of their losses, as farforth as conueniently they might, according to ỹ Articles by their Lordships so set downe.

Since which time it is vnderstood, that there hath diuers gone vnto the Seas by vertue of those Grauntes, wherof many haue taken some prises warrantable, but far off, to answere their losses: and some others, which did linger about the narrow Seas, and neuer went further to the Southward then to the coast of France, and many of them no further then that within one day they might see England: which sort of men haue made spoyle of diuers with whom they haue met, not hauing in some part her Maiesties good friendes both of France and of Denmarke, and the East parres, (whereof restitution neuertheless hath beene made as farrefoorth as possible was) for colouring whereof they haue alleadged, that the Shippes by them so taken, should be laden with Spaniards goodes, as amongst some that they haue so stayed, part haue appeared, whereby it is euident that there might hereafter ensue a great disturbance vnto her Maiesties good friendes, if remedie should not be prouided, as is most carnestly commanded by her Maiestie to be perfourmed.

Therefore it is ordered, that from henceforth, that is, from the xii. of this instant moneth of March, al such as haue already, or shall haue warrant for Reprisall, shall repaire with all possible speede after they shall bee departed from any Harbough in this Realme vnto the coastes of Spayne, or to the Ilandes, or to such other remote places where the Spaniardes or Portingales do most vse their traffique: And that none vpon the peril to be adiudged a Pirate, shal take any vessell that shal not belong to a Spaniard or a Portingale. And whosoeuer shal vnder any colour meddle wittingly, or take, or assaile any vessel appertaining vnto any of the subiects of any other Prince or State then of the king of Spaine, or of ỹ kingdome of Portingale, shalbe reputed and taken as a Pirat, and shall be tryed and suffer by order of the lawes as a Pirate.

And furthermore, it shal not be lawful for any subiect of the Crowne of England to serue with any ship of war by vertue of any Commission to be granted by any other forraine Prince or person, without special licence of the Queenes Maiestie.

Lastly, it is ordered, that al Viceadmirals shal publish these orders in euery principal Port of the Realme within his iurisdiction, and shall cause true copies thereof to bee affixed in some publique places neere the shipping place in the sayde Portes. And, to the intent the offenders hereafter may be speedily punished, the Judge ciuil that is appointed within euery iurisdiction of the Admiraltie, shall from time to time haue regarde to proceed to the Inquisition and enditements of euery offender in these cases aboue mentioned, or against any part of the former orders prescribed in this behalfe.

And for further execution of the lawes against the same offenders, he shal procure sufficient commission from the courte of the Admiraltie, in cases where they are not ordinarie Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer for tryal of Piracies extant within the place where the offenders shall be found.

Finally, charge shalbe giuen by the Viceadmirals to al persons that shal repayre to the seas by vertue of any warrant aboue mentioned, for recouerie of recompence for their losses against any the subiectes of the king of Spayne, that they obserue all other former orders prescribed to them, not onely vpon paine of the bondes acknowledged in the Admirals Court, but also vpon payne to be taken and vsed as Pirates, according to the nature of their offences.

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Orders to be publiſhed and put in execution by the Viceadmirals of this Realme, ſet downe by the Lord Admirall, with the aſſent of the Lordes of her Maieſties priuie Counſell the 12. of March. 1585.

WHereas the king of Spaine in May laſt, did command very ſuddenly arreſt to be made of all the Shippes, Veſſels, and Goodes of her Maieſties Subiects, then being in all the Portes of Spaine, without any token of ſuſpition thereof conceiued by any her Maieſties Subiects afoꝛehand, either in England, Spaine, oꝛ Poꝛtingal: And alſo to be put in pꝛiſon all ſuch Merchants, Factoꝛs, and Mariners, as they coulde appꝛehend being her Maieſties Subiectes, there onely trading the vſe of merchandizes: And in July following, the ſame king did by his miniſters take to his owne vſe a great part of the ſaide Shippes and Goodes of her Maieſties Subiectes. The Queenes Maieſtie, vpon the pitifull complaint of her Subiectes foꝛ theſe ſo great iniuries offered vnto them by the king of Spaine and his Miniſters, with whom ſhe conceiued foꝛ her owne part to be in peace, finding no other pꝛeſent oꝛdinarie meane of withſtanding oꝛ remedying ſo generall a wꝛong and loſſe to her Subiectes, ſpecially when there was no acceſſe left foꝛ any ſafely to ſeeke remedie in Spaine by petition in way of Juſtice, did thereupon good deliberation of Counſell, graunt vnto all ſuch Merchants, oꝛ any others which had their Shippes oꝛ Goodes ſo ſpoyled oꝛ detayned, vpon their earneſt and impoꝛtunate requeſtes, oꝛdinarie letters of Repriſall in lawfull foꝛme and maner foꝛ the recouering of their loſſes (which was inſperable) oꝛ els ſome part thereof. Whereupon an oꝛder was deuiſed and decreed by the Loꝛdes of her Maieſties pꝛiuie Counſel, to be executed with diuers good pꝛouiſions, cautions and bandes to auoide all other inconueniences, and ſo deliuered the ſame oꝛder vnto the Loꝛd Admirall, wherein was conteyned amongſt other things, That ſuch as ſhould make good and due pꝛoofe in the Court of the Admiraltie of their loſſes, and impriſonment of their ſeruants, by occaſion of the ſaid arreſt, ſhould haue warrant to paſſe vnto the Seas in warlike manner for no other purpoſe, but onely foꝛ the ſeaſing either of their owne, oꝛ of any other Shippes of Spaine, foꝛ oꝛ towardes the recouerie of their loſſes, as farfoꝛth as conueniently they might, accoꝛding to ẏ Articles by their Loꝛdſhips ſo ſet downe.

Sithence which time it is vnderſtood, that there hath diuers gone vnto the Seas by vertue of thoſe Grauntes, whereof many haue taken ſome pꝛiſes warrantable, but far off, to anſwere their loſſes: and ſome others, which did linger about the narrowe Seas, and neuer went further to the Southward then to the coaſt of France, and many of them no further then that within one day they might ſee England: which ſoꝛt of men haue made ſpoyle of diuers with whom they haue met, not hauing in ſome part her Maieſties good friendes both of France and of Denmarke, and the Eaſt partes, (whereof neuertheleſſe hath beene made as farrefoꝛth as poſſible was) foꝛ colouring whereof they haue alleadged, that the ſhippes by them ſo taken, ſhould be laden with Spaniards goodes, as amongſt ſome that they haue ſo ſtayed, part haue confeſſed, whereby it is euident that there might hereafter enſue a great diſturbance vnto her Maieſties good friendes, if remedie ſhould not be pꝛouided, as is moſt earneſtly commanded by her Maieſtie to be perfourmed.

Therefore it is oꝛdered, that from henceforth, that is, from the xii. of this inſtant moneth of March, al ſuch as haue already or ſhall haue warrant foꝛ Repriſall, ſhall repaire with all poſſible ſpeede after they ſhall bee departed from any Harboꝛough in this Realme vnto the coaſtes of Spayne, oꝛ to the Iſlandes, oꝛ to ſuch other remote places where the Spaniardes oꝛ Poꝛtingales do moſt vſe their traffique: And that none vpon the peril to be adiudged a Pirate, ſhal take any veſſell that ſhal not belong to a Spaniard oꝛ a Poꝛtingale. And whoſoeuer ſhal vnder any colour meddle wittingly, oꝛ take, oꝛ attempt any veſſel appertaining vnto any of the ſubiects of any other Pꝛince oꝛ State then of the king of Spaine, oꝛ of ẏ kingdome of Poꝛtingale, ſhalbe reputed and taken as a Pirat, and ſhall be tryed and ſuffer by oꝛder of the lawes as a Pirate.

And furthermoꝛe, it ſhal not be lawful foꝛ any ſubiect of the Crowne of England to ſerue with any ſhip of war by vertue of any Commiſſion to be granted by any other foꝛraine Pꝛince oꝛ perſon, without ſpecial licence of the Queenes Maieſtie.

Laſtly, it is oꝛdered, that al Viceadmirals ſhal publiſh theſe oꝛders in euery pꝛincipal Poꝛt of the Realme within his iuriſdiction, and ſhall cauſe true copies thereof to bee affixed in ſome publique places neere the ſhipping place in the ſayde Poꝛts. And, to the intent the offenders hereafter may be ſpeedily puniſhed, the Judge ciuil that is appoynted within euery iuriſdiction of the Admiraltie, ſhall from time to time haue regarde to pꝛoceed to the Inquiſition and enditements of euery offender in theſe caſes aboue mentioned, oꝛ againſt any part of the foꝛmer oꝛders pꝛeſcribed in this behalfe.

And foꝛ further execution of the lawes againſt the ſame offenders, he ſhal pꝛocure ſufficient commiſſion from the courte of the Admiraltie, in caſes where they are not oꝛdinarie Commiſſioners of Oyer and Terminer foꝛ tryal of Piracies extant within the place where the offenders ſhall be found.

Finally, charge ſhalbe giuen by the Viceadmirals to al perſons that ſhal repayꝛe to the ſeas by vertue of any warrant aboue mentioned, foꝛ recouerie of recompence foꝛ their loſſes againſt any the ſubiectes of the king of Spayne, that they obſerue all other foꝛmer oꝛders pꝛeſcribed to them, not onely vpon paine of the bondes acknowledged in the Admirals Court, but alſo vpon payne to be taken and vſed as Pirates, accoꝛding to the nature of their offences.

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